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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Gallagher on 28 January, 2010.

In the Specification of 3/24/2005:

At page 1, lines 8-10 have been replaced by, 'The invention also relates to the coating/film according to the preamble of Claim 13 and to a process ~~according to the preamble of Claim 15~~ for preparing a hydrophobic polymer solution and dispersion, according to which method (a) a mixture consisting of a biopolymer, plasticizing agent, dispersion admixtures and water is formed, (b) said mixture is heated to form a paste-like composition, and (c) the paste-like composition is diluted in water.'

At page 5, lines 29-30 have been replaced by, 'The process according to the invention for preparing hydrophobic polymer dispersion is characterized in that at least 10 % by weight of the plasticizing agent consists of an alkenyl succinic anhydride ~~by what is stated in the characterizing part of Claim 15.~~'

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ganapathy Krishnan whose telephone number is 571-272-0654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30am-5pm.

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